GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3576
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2002
WLL IN BIHAR AND JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently held talks with private telephone operators to make the rural telephone services more effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of WLL connections made available in each State especially in the urban and rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand as on date;

(d) whether any directives have been issued to the Department for regular operation of telephone services so provided; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) : Government have been holding talks at regular intervals with the private operators to make rural telephony services more effective. As a result of these, the private operators have reported to have provided 2957 VPTs till 31.7.2002 against 846 as on 31.3.2002.

(c) : Details are enclsed as ANNEXURE.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE

SERVICE AREA-WISE LIST OF WLL CONNECTIONS- AS ON 30.6.2002

(AS PER AVAILABLE INFORMATION)

SL.No.	SERVICE AREA	NUMBER OF WLL CONNECTIONS
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	301
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	122095
3.	ASSAM	4400
4.	BIHAR(Including Jharkhand)	71336
5.	GUJARAT	7760
6.	HARYANA	4590
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6658

8. JAMU & KASHMIR 0

9. KARNATAKA 7843
10. KERALA 7781
11. MADHYA PRADESH(Including Chattisgarh) 50362
12. MAHARASHTRA 56778
13. NORTH-EAST 273
14. ORISSA 18525
15. PUNJAB 33892
16. RAJASTHAN 25767
17. TAMIL NADU 9984
18. UTTAR PRADESH(E) 38245
19. UTTAR PRADESH(W)(Including Uttaranchal) 20984
20. WEST BENGAL 22990
21. DELHI 0

TOTAL 510564

Out of these, in Bihar and Jharkhand 47220 and 19520 Rural Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) respectively have been provided on WLL.